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## What We're Working On

**Thank you for coming to our events this fall!** Our 2023 Emerging Topics Series was a success, as was our Annual Community gathering. We appreciate being able to collaborate and connect with all of you as we work to increase equity and economic opportunity in Milwaukee. [Check out our recap of this year's Emerging Topics on our website.](#)

And, **thanks to the 60 people that joined us on November 1st for our 2023 Annual Community Gathering** at the Wall Street Stock Bar! We enjoyed connecting with everyone over food & fellowship, sharing a bit about what UEDA has been up to in the last year, and recognizing our two awardees:

- **Extraordinary Volunteer: Lamont Davis**, Milwaukee Community Land Trust and Take Root Milwaukee Resource & Oversight Committee member
- **Outstanding Community Partner: Carol Maria**, FDIC and Milwaukee Alliance for Economic Inclusion and Bank On Greater Milwaukee Leadership Team member

**VISION 2050 is still undertaking their 2024 review and update!** The website includes an opportunity to look at the current draft of the update, including land use and transportation. Don't miss the opportunity to leave comments at the bottom of the page! [Check it out here.](#)

**Are you interested in getting a Master's Degree while working for a nonprofit?** Check out the [Trinity Fellows Program](#) at Marquette University! Fellows work with a local nonprofit while earning a 100% tuition scholarship for one of fourteen master's degrees. Their next virtual information session is December 1st. [Register to learn more here>>.](#) If you are interested in hosting a Trinity Fellow at your organization, [learn more here>>.](#)

## UEDA Member Highlights

**Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity** is offering workshops in **Housing, Race, and Equity**. [Learn more and schedule a workshop here>>.](#)

The **Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce** has appointed a new President and CEO, Christian Thornton. [Read more about his background and vision here.](#)

Check out this success story from **US Bank** and **Acts Housing**! US Bank's **Access Home Loan** made it possible for this mother to purchase the home she had already been renting. [Read about it here.](#)

## Member Spotlight



A grant from **AARP Wisconsin** was used to make the **Amani neighborhood safer**. They were able to put in a new traffic calming circle to make pedestrian crossings safer. [Learn more here.](#)

Board Member **Sherri Jordan** with **Envision the Ladder** is a **Finalist for the Thought Leadership Excellence Award at Marketplace Wisconsin!** [Learn more and see the other finalists here.](#)

**Upstart Kitchen** and **PRISM EDC** were featured in a story from Milwaukee Community Journal. [Check out the story here.](#)

**gener8tor** and **Sherman Phoenix** are collaborating to support **underfunded artists**. They are providing nine artists with a grant and a entrance to a seven-week accelerator program. [Read more here.](#)

The **Hispanic Collective**, managed by **WWBIC**, has created **Mercado MKE**. This digital platform provides a way to search for Latin businesses from restaurants to auto body shops. [Learn more here.](#)

**Sherman Park Community Association** is receiving funding from the the **Daybreak Fund**. [Read about it here.](#)

Member **Lynnea Katz-Petted**, CEO of **Revitalize Milwaukee**, was interviewed about her work by **Shephard Express**. [Read the interview here.](#)

**Joanna Bautch** of **VIA CDC** has been featured as **Shepherd Express's Hero of the Month**. [Read about her career and VIA's impact here.](#)

**Growing MKE**, a planning effort of the **City of Milwaukee DCD**, is looking for feedback on their most recent draft plans. They have public meetings on December 4th and 6th, as well as library office hours throughout December. [Find more info about the plan and their events on their website.](#)

## MEMBER & PARTNER JOB OPENINGS

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). Contact [adam@uedawi.org](mailto:adam@uedawi.org) if you are a member and have an opening you would like added. And, be sure to check out the **Jobs That Help website** to find or list a nonprofit job opportunity in the state!

## UEDA Community

The **Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)** has gotten an update, with regulators releasing the **Final Rule** this week. It includes expanding the geographies for which financial institutions will be graded on, as well as providing an updated process for grading. [Read about it here>>.](#)



The **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP)**'s mission is to partner with all the citizens of Wisconsin to grow the economy by promoting quality food, healthy plants and animals, sound use of land and water resources, and a fair marketplace.

They are essential to the great meals we have during the winter holidays. [Read their statement about it here.](#)

## Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Brennan Balistreri  
Burleigh Street CDC  
City of Milwaukee DCD  
Community Charge  
Contexture  
Data You Can Use  
George Calaway  
Independence First  
Leo Ries  
Menomonee Valley Partners  
Rooted & Rising – Washington Park

## Current Members

*\*Check your email for renewal notices to remain current!*

### Nonprofit & Governmental

AARP Wisconsin\*  
Acts Housing  
ArtWorks for Milwaukee  
BizStarts\*  
Cinnaire  
Community First\*  
Congress for the New Urbanism, WI\*  
Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCSS) of Greater Milwaukee  
The Difference Principle, Inc.  
Fondy Food Center  
Gateway to Milwaukee  
Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors\*

The **Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council** is offering **FREE Fair Housing Training Seminars for rental housing providers** across the state. Upcoming workshops include City of Milwaukee (11/29) and Milwaukee County (12/4, 12/5). [More information and registration links can be found here>>.](#)

The application period for **WHEDA's 2024 Housing Tax Credits** is open! Applications have various deadlines up through January 26th, 2024. [Learn more here.](#)

The State of Wisconsin has vastly reduced the **amount of time an eviction can stay on your record**. The time limit has been reduced from 20 years to just 2. [Read about the decision here.](#)

Gov. Evers has created a task force to study how **artificial intelligence will affect the Wisconsin industries**. In a changing tech climate, the state is looking at how we can keep up. [Learn more here.](#)

The **Bronzeville Center for the Arts** is receiving **\$5 million in ARPA funding**. Along with this development, an event center in the Iron District will include affordable apartments. [Read about it here.](#)

**Common Ground** has given **HACM tenants a way to to push for improvements**. The Common Council has voted to make changes to the powers of DNS as a result. [Read more here.](#)

**Milwaukee County** has passed their budget for 2024. This budget marks a rare surplus gained through raising the sales tax. [Read about it here.](#)

The **City of Milwaukee's budget** has also passed for 2024. This occurred after the Common Council overrode Mayor Johnson's veto on portions of the budget. [Read more here.](#)

The **Department of Neighborhood Services** has a new interim director. Jezamil Arroyo-Vega will fill the seat after Erica Roberts left earlier this month. [Learn about it here.](#)

## Small Business & Nonprofits

**Nonprofit career and professional development opportunities** can be found at the [Jobs That Help Events Calendar](#). We thank them for being a member & partner in this work!

The **Business Forum** is currently accepting nominations for the **2024 ATHENA Award**. This award is for those who demonstrated professional excellence, have a dedication to strengthening community, and uplift the leadership potential of women. Nominations are due by **December 1st**. [Learn more here.](#)

**Is Your Business Plan Leveraging Your Story?**  
**December 2 | 9-11 AM | Virtual**

Hear from Brent Halfwassen about how to use storytelling to create a business plan that gets others on board to help you succeed. [Register here.](#)

Greater Milwaukee Committee\*  
Groundwork Milwaukee\*  
Harbor District  
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce  
Landmark Credit Union\*  
Latino Chamber of Commerce  
LISC Milwaukee\*  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council\*  
Milwaukee Christian Center  
Milwaukee County Economic Development\*  
Milwaukee Development Corp.  
Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)\*  
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity  
Milwaukee Preservation Alliance\*  
Milwaukee Public Library\*  
My Choice Wisconsin\*  
PRISM Economic Development Corp.\*  
Riverworks Development Corporation\*  
SEWRPC  
Sherman Park Community Association  
The Business Council  
TMG Wisconsin  
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County  
U.S. Small Business Administration (Wisconsin)  
UW Credit Union\*  
VIA CDC\*  
WHEDA  
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP)  
WI LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
WI Partnership for Housing Development\*  
WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce  
WWBIC\*  
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin\*

### Small Businesses

Bright Horizons Real Estate  
Center for Public Skills Training  
Center of Care LLC\*  
Columbia Savings & Loan Association  
Community Development

**Nominations are open for 2024 National Small Business Week!** Presented by **U.S. SBA**, there are both national and statewide awards available to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Learn about the [national awards](#) and the [Wisconsin awards](#). The nomination deadline for both is **December 7th**.

### **Growing Your Business in Today's Climate**

**December 16 | 11 AM - 1 PM | St Anne Center**

Join Business Expert Steve Kaplan and other guest speakers to discuss how entrepreneurship is changing in today's fast-paced business environment. [Register here.](#)

Running a small business is difficult, and it can come with extra challenges for those with disabilities. **Check out this collection of resources and success stories for entrepreneurs with disabilities.** [Read them here.](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Know Your Renters Rights Training**

**November 30 | 1-3 PM | MATC M Building Room 605**

Join Legal Action Wisconsin to learn the answers to the 20 most common questions that renters have about their rights. This is a FREE event and also includes lunch! [Find out more here.](#)

### **18th Exito Awards**

**December 2 | 5:30-9 PM | Four Points Milwaukee Airport**

The Latino Entrepreneurial Network is acknowledging small business owners who make significant contributions to their employees, communities, and the state of Wisconsin. Join for a night of fun and networking! [Buy your tickets here.](#)

### **Marketplace Wisconsin**

**December 5-7 | Virtual & Baird Center**

Presented by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, this event connects business owners from across Wisconsin with state, federal, and local government as well as private sector business opportunities. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### **2024 WVCC Financial Summit For Business**

**February 1 | Madison**

This summit is a must-attend for professionals who have questions related to the financial industry that will assist their business. Gain valuable insights from industry experts, network with like-minded individuals, and discover innovative strategies to boost your business. [Register here.](#)

### **SACE 2024**

**February 15-17 | Washington, D.C.**

The 2024 Sadie T.M. Alexander Conference for Economics and Related Fields is focusing on how underrepresented populations have taken matters into their own hands to solve pressing economic and social issues. **Tickets are available until December 15th!** [Learn more and get tickets here.](#)

Management Partnerships  
Community Insurance  
Information Center  
GoodFlow Enterprises  
Goyke & Associates\*  
HomeWorks Bronzeville  
Jobs That Help  
Lloyd Consulting, Inc.  
Midwest Executive Realty\*  
Mueller Communications  
P3 Development Group

### **Corporations & Funders**

Associated Bank, NA  
BMO Harris Bank  
CIBC Bank  
First Federal Bank  
Greater Milwaukee Association  
of REALTORS  
Johnson Financial Group  
JPMorgan Chase  
Mortgage Guaranty Insurance  
Corp. (MGIC)\*  
Old National Bank\*  
PNC Bank\*  
U.S. Bank  
Zilber Family Foundation

### **Individual Members**

Amy Turim  
Avery L. Goodrich, Jr.\*  
Barbara Markoff  
Bob Berlan\*  
Brittany Thome\*  
Carol Maria  
Christina Luna  
Clarissa Ortiz\*  
Cordella Jones\*  
Dan Brophey  
Julia O'Connor\*  
Kathryn Berger  
Kurt Paulsen  
Leigh Kunde\*  
Peter Richardson  
Lynnea Katz-Petted\*  
Montavius Jones\*  
Rusty Borkin  
Sarah Greenberg\*

***Have something  
to share? Let us know!***

This newsletter is sent to UEDA's network and features links to articles, upcoming events and activities of interest.

If you have announcements or other items you would like included in a future newsletter,

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